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SUBJECT: ALIPO FACTION OF LIBERAL PARTY MEETS IN SAN PEDRO SULA

1. THE LIBERAL ALLIANCE OF THE PEOPLE (ALIPO), THE "PROGRESSIVE" WING OF THE LIBERAL PARTY MET ON APRIL 23, IN SAN PEDRO SULA IN ANTICIPATION OF THE UPCOMING LIBERAL PARTY CONVENTION SCHEDULED FOR THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 30. THE ALIPO CONVENTION WAS ATTENDED BY SOME 200 LIBERAL PARTY MEMBERS, INCLUDING A MAJORITY OF THE MOST PROMINENT PROGRESSIVE MEMBERS OF THE PARTY. SOME OF THOSE ATTENDING WERE CARLOS ROBERTO REINA, JORGE BUESO ARIAS, FERNANDO GUZMAN, EDMOND BOGRAN, JAIME ROSENTHAL, AND RAMON VILLEDA BERMUDEZ. THE ALIPO CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS INCLUDED: SUPPORT FOR THE ELCTORAL LAW BEING DRAFTED BY THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL, A RETURN TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT CARTER'S STAND ON HUMAN RIGHTS. IN ADDITION, THE CONVENTION CALLED FOR PARTY UNITY IN ORDER TO WIN THE SCHEDULED 1979 ELECTIONS AND DENOUNCED AUTHORZQARIAN (CAUDILLO) RULE OF THE LIBERAL PARTY. HOWEVER, THE CONVENTION STOPPED SHORT OF CALLING ON ALIPO MEMBERS TO BOYCOTT THE LIBERAL PARTY CONVENTION.

2. COMMENT: THE CREATION OF ALIPO AND ITS CONVENTION SYMBOLIZE THE FORMALIZATION OF A LONGSTANDING SPLIT BETWEEN THE RODAS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROGRESSIVE FACTIONS OF THE LIBERAL PARTY. RODAS IS IN CONTROL OF THE PARTY MACHINERY AND HAS BEEN ABLE TO WIN RECENT PARTY CONVENTIONS. HOWEVER, THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL GROUP WITHIN THE PARTY THAT REJECTS RODAS AS A LEADER BOTH FOR ORGANIZATIONAL AND IDEOLOGICAL REASONS. ORGANIZATIONALLY, THEY OBJECT TO HIS DICTATORIAL METHODS OF RUNNING THE PARTY WITHOUT REFERENCE TO THE VIEWS OF OTHER LEADERS OR GROUPS. IDEOLOGICALLY, THEY ARE

CONCERNED THAT HIS POLICIES ARE NOT IN TUNE WITH THE NEEDS OF
HONDURAS' DEVELOPING SOCIETY. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THERE
WILL BE A CONTINUING STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL OF THE PARTY BETWEEN
NOW AND THE PROPOSED ELECTIONS IN 1979.
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